

AGAINST OYAMA'S LEFT

Russians Begin Strong Cavalry Movement.

9,000 RUSSIAN HORSEMEN

Advancing Against Heikoutai — Discard Against Russians at Port Arthur Disclosed.

London, Feb. 16.—French press interviews with the Russian officers returning from Port Arthur disclose an extraordinarily bitter animosity between the officers of the army and navy. Reports of this discord have already been printed. Yesterday Admiral Lockington, who commanded the torpedo station at Port Arthur, is quoted as denouncing Admirals Stark, Alexieff and Skrydloff, and also promising to accuse these men, and General Stoessel, before the court-martial.

General Stoessel is said to have spoken in the harshest terms of Rojestvensky, who commanded the torpedo station in not relieving Port Arthur. The truth in all this confusion cannot of course be decided from this distance. On the basis of actual accomplishment, however, the army has apparently quite the better of the case. With General Gripenberg out of his command, and a proposal to have a commission investigate charges against Kuropatkin, the conduct of the Russian campaign in the far East is not without difficulties.

A COSSACK RAID.

Oyama's Left Menaced by Force of 9000 Russian Horsemen.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—The Russians have begun an extensive cavalry movement against Field Marshal Oyama's extreme left.

Last night they were attempting to cross the Hun river west of Liaoyang with 9000 horsemen. The operation began west of Chitatsu.

One force of cavalry stole into Lao-hunshi and simultaneously another cavalry force approached Tachia, which is situated 13 miles southwest of Chitatsu and 17 miles west of Liaoyang.

Nine thousand cavalry with artillery approached the river a mile below Tachia and attempted to cross at 6 o'clock in the evening, advancing on Heikoutai (Pokoutai).

The shelling of Oyama's centre continues.

WITH IRONIC JOY.

Russian Press Laughs Over the Treaty Predicament.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—The Novoe Vremya, in a sarcastic editorial on the action of the United States Senate in connection with the arbitration treaties, pokes fun at the alleged attempt of the United States to take the leadership in the world's diplomacy.

The editorial reviews the plan for preserving the administrative entity of China, the proposed naval demonstration in Turkish waters, the establishment of the Republic of Panama, and the proposition to hold a second peace conference at The Hague, "concluding with the corollary of arbitration treaties," the whole idea of which, the paper says, "finally met the fate which always overtakes a new fad. Therefore, it is not to be wondered at that the Senate is not inclined to yield to a scheme which placed the settlement of future disputes entirely in the hands of President Roosevelt."

BAD SNOW BLOCKADE.

Conditions on Brattleboro & Whitehall Road Worst in Many Years.

Brattleboro, Feb. 16.—The conditions on the Brattleboro & Whitehall railroad with respect to snow are the worst they have been in many years. Although the storm this week was light there was such a large quantity already on the ground that there was no place to put the last fall, and the conditions were made worse by snow sliding down the mountain and hill sides and covering the track. The morning passenger train south from South Londonderry, Monday, arrived late in the afternoon. The north bound train Monday night did not start out until Tuesday morning. It was preceded by the snow plow and two engines, which did not reach South Londonderry until late Tuesday night. Assistant Superintendent E. D. Nash, of New London, Conn., was with the snow plow crew and directed the work.

ABOUT FORTY DAYS OF ZERO WEATHER.

St. Albans, Feb. 16.—Since December 30 there have been but three days during some portion of which the mercury has not registered as low or lower than the zero point. No such continued period of extreme cold weather can be remembered in this section by the oldest inhabitant.

GROUND FROZEN SIX FEET.

Frozen Water Pipes Cause Much Trouble at Swanton.

Swanton, Feb. 16.—Frozen water pipes are causing considerable trouble and are giving the plumber plenty to do. In some places pipes six feet under ground are frozen. One of the worst places so far is the one in the square, where the pipes leading to the Stone building appear to be frozen the entire distance.

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FAMINE IN FUEL.

Continued Cold and Snow in Iowa Becomes Serious.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 16.—Continued cold and snow, which have practically put an end to business and tied up all trains entering Des Moines and traversing the state, have placed the entire city and state at the mercy of a fuel famine. But one dealer in Des Moines has hard coal for sale, and that at a price almost above the reach of the consumer. Drifts between the city and the coal fields render teaming almost impossible, thereby cutting off the soft coal supply. In many sections of the state farmers are burning corn for fuel.

Hundreds of Iowa towns, isolated because of the stagnant condition of the railroad service, are actually suffering. Fuel has advanced to a considerable extent, and will be unobtainable at any price if cold weather continues.

The Associated Charities of Des Moines says that in the history of the association there has never been such intense suffering among the poor.

POLICY HOLDERS MAY BE PLACED IN CONTROL

Movement to Take It Away from the Stockholders of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

New York, Feb. 15.—The movement to take control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society from the stockholders and place it with the policyholders is to be taken up by the board of directors tomorrow. At that meeting two petitions will be presented to the board, each signed by 39 officers of the society, including the president and two of the four vice presidents, on asking that the control of the society be taken from the stockholders and given to policyholders, and the other declaring it to be the opinion of the signers that the re-election of James H. Hyde, who is the owner of 51 per cent of the stock, would be prejudicial to the welfare and progress of the society.

MUSTERED OUT.

Barney, a Noted Mule at Fort Ethan Allen, Sold to Mail Carrier.

Barney, a mule similar to the well known Sunday paper "Maud," will trouble the quartermaster department at Fort Ethan Allen no longer, for Monday he passed into new hands, Harry Thomas of Burlington having purchased him at an auction sale for \$37. Barney was enlisted with a detachment of mules on October 27, 1904, at a depot in Missouri, the government giving \$164 for his service. Barney was ordered to the post and when the car which carried him was opened he put up a decided kick against being stationed at an Eastern fort. His first kick resulted in one of the quartermaster employees being pushed off the railroad platform. Every day since he has been at the fort his capers have been of the strenuous kind. Only one man was successful in handling him single-handed and that was former Corral Overseer James Lusby. It took three and sometimes more men to get him in harness. Anyone who came within reach of his heels was generally given a mark to remember, one man having had his leg broken. Various means to make Barney fit for the service were tried without avail, and the government officials appointed Major Curtis B. Hoppin, surveying officer, to condemn him.

HONOR FOR FAIRFIELD BOY.

Appointment in Signal Service for Charles Merrill.

Fairfield, Feb. 16.—Charles Merrill, electrical engineer, son of Henry Merrill of this place, has received a government appointment in the signal service department with headquarters at Washington.

HOME AND MONEY GONE

Mrs. McFee Tells How Father John's Medicine Saved Her Life When the Doctors Gave Her Up.

"Many times have I wished I could stand on the housetop and tell the world what a blessing Father John's Medicine has been to my family. All my life I've been doctoring. I had systemic catarrh, and four years ago pneumonia made a wreck of me. Oh, how I suffered. God above knows I brought my family to want paying doctors' bills. My bureau was full of medicine bottles. I have had six doctors, but my cough was killing me. Every few weeks I had hemorrhages. My doctors gave me up, and my friends looked for me to die. For my children's sake I hoped and prayed to get well. I saw home and money gone, but no relief. I thank God for directing my attention to Father John's Medicine. I can do all my work, and feel like a new person since taking it. It is a blessing, may it be to all who suffer, is the wish of one it has helped. (Signed) Mrs. H. McFee, 2139 Randolph St., Phila., Pa."

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MAY REDUCE NAVAL BILL

A Sentiment For Economy in Appropriations.

MAY CUT BATTLESHIPS.

This Idea Likely to Disturb the President — Members of the House Discuss the Pending Measure.

Washington, Feb. 16.—A sentiment is beginning to manifest itself in both branches of Congress favoring further reduction in the naval bill. The bill as reported to the House provides for two battleships, but there is a growing feeling that one will be sufficient. In the Senate an organized effort is reported to cut out the provision and not authorize any warships larger than a cruiser. The sentiment is yet in a formative state and has not become sufficiently definite to be considered a factor in the final fate of the bill. The suggestion that the Senate may strike out both battleships is particularly interesting in view of the recent trial of strength over the arbitration treaties. The President, of course, is keenly interested in securing as large an appropriation and as many ships as possible for the navy. He would not regard with complacency an effort to eliminate the battleships from present consideration.

TO GIVE REASONS.

President to Submit Letter With Domingo Protocol.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—The protocol or treaty between the United States and San Domingo, drawn up by Mr. Dawson, the American minister, and Mr. Sanchez, the foreign minister for President Morales' government, reached Washington today, and was taken by Secretary Hay immediately to the White House.

It was necessary to read the document carefully, to make sure that it agreed precisely with the outline of its provisions received by cable and the amendatory instructions of the department of state.

So the President and Secretary Hay went over the treaty carefully, and found that it was in shape for immediate transmittal to the Senate.

Briefly stated, it provides that the United States shall collect the customs revenues of San Domingo and turn over to President Morales' government a specific percentage to meet the expenses of administration, and disburse the remainder among foreign claimants.

The United States undertakes to respect the integrity of San Domingo, and the protocol or treaty must be approved by the United States Senate and the Dominican Congress.

In anticipation of the arrival of this convention, a letter has been prepared at the President's direction to accompany the document when it goes to the Senate. This is something more than a mere letter of transmittal, but it does not undertake to discuss broadly the constitutional questions involved in the conflicting claims of the executive and the Senate as to the treaty-making powers which have grown out of the treatment of the arbitration treaties.

It is devoted entirely to a statement of the reasons which led the President to enter into negotiations with the government of San Domingo as a basis for the proposed treaty. The history of previous attempts on the part of the state department to secure a settlement of American claims against San Domingo which have been pending for many years are set out, and stress is laid on the status of foreign claims, the collection of which might cause a clash with European governments.

BRYAN HAS PLAN.

Says Senate Is Right in Stand Taken Upon Treaties.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 16.—William J. Bryan was in St. Paul yesterday and called on Gov. Johnson at the capitol. While there he gave out an interview on the recent controversy between the President and the Senate with regard to the treaty making power. Mr. Bryan said:

"I believe the Senate is right in refusing to surrender its right to a voice in making treaties, and I think the President in error in making the action of the Senate a basis of criticism. 'The very fact that he refuses to recognize the right of an opinion so overwhelmingly expressed is in itself evidence of the danger of delegating to him the power which he asks. There is, however, a basis upon which he and the Senate might reach an agreement, and I hope that a reconciliation may take place upon this or some better basis.

"The basis to which I refer is that the President be authorized to submit to The Hague court for investigation any and every question involving an international dispute, the parties to the dispute reserving the right to take such action as they deem proper after the facts are ascertained. I believe that some such plan would satisfy the demands of the President without a surrender of the Senate's prerogatives."

NEW BENNINGTON CAPTAIN.

First Lieut. J. B. Hannon Succeeds Capt. R. C. Graves.

Bennington, Feb. 16.—At a special election of Co. K, V. N. G., held Tuesday evening, First Lieut. J. B. Hannon was elected captain to succeed R. C. Graves, resigned. Second Lieutenant Greenman was elected first lieutenant, and First Sergt. W. D. Forbes was elected second lieutenant. Gen. E. L. Bates presided at the election.

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DRUGGIST FOUND GUILTY.

A. B. Kingman is Fined \$300 and Costs For Selling Without a License.

St. Albans, Feb. 16.—A. B. Kingman, a druggist of this city, was arraigned at city court on a charge of selling intoxicating liquors without a license. He pleaded not guilty, but after trial was found guilty and fined \$300 and costs, from which sentence he appealed and furnished bail.

The honor was adjudged forfeited and ordered destroyed. This was also appealed. This prosecution grew out of search of drug stores on Lake street, at which time various amounts of brandy, whiskey and gin were seized, being found in soda fountain syrup jugs. The search and seizure is the first made in the city if not in the state under the provision of the new local option license law, which revives the search and seizure features of the old prohibitory law.

HAD NO INSURANCE.

Mill Near St. Johnsbury Destroyed but Most of Lumber Was Saved.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 16.—Tuesday evening the saw mill of O. V. Hooker & Son at Gallup Mills was burned. The fire started about 6:30 when the whistle blew and called out the help. There was so much oil and dry material for the fire to work upon that it soon spread beyond hope of saving. For a time there seemed no danger, but later the fire spread toward the dry, sawed lumber owned by the Connecticut Valley Lumber company and help was called from the Moose River Lumber company. They sent their logging engine with a crew of men, who worked until past midnight, so that very little of the lumber was lost. There was no insurance on the mill.

SUCCESSFUL LECTURE COURSE.

A St. Johnsbury Society Will Net \$265 for the Season.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 16.—Manager Carl H. Turner of the Epworth League entertainment course has every reason to be highly satisfied over the financial results of this course. The net profits for the four entertainments were \$141 and the profits of the dinner and sales for the same were \$124. The total amount, \$265, will be divided between the Epworth League and the Ladies' Aid society of Grace Methodist church. The artists were furnished by the Lovett Entertainment Bureau, of Boston and the crowded houses throughout the course clearly indicated that the public thoroughly enjoyed the season's attractions.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Bromo Laxative Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box, 25 cents.

WILL TAKE A YEAR OFF.

No State Musical Festival at Burlington This Year.

Burlington, Feb. 16.—The members of the Burlington festival chorus, which has held state musical festivals in this city during the last three or four years, at a meeting held Tuesday night, voted not to hold a festival this year. Prof. W. K. Chapman of New York, who has always conducted the festivals held here, had planned to bring to this city this year Madame Homer or Madame Godeki, David Vietham, Johnson Archibut and others.

The decision of the Burlington chorus not to hold a festival of course gives a chance to some other city in the state to take the matter up.

SEC. DUNCAN TO QUINCY

Speaks Through Columns of Granite Cutters' Journal.

AGREEMENT ENDS MARCH 1

Urges Quincy Manufacturers to Be as Liberal as Those in Other Granite Centers Are to Their Employees.

In the current number of the Granite Cutters' Journal the editor has the following to say, which will be of interest to readers in this vicinity:

"Before the next Journal is published the fate of changes in branch agreements at March 1 will be known. It is evident there will be little, if any suspension in any locality. During January certain busy-bodies endeavored to create an impression there was doubt about the outcome of the changes suggested in Quincy. This followed a question by employers to our Quincy branches that instead of a suspension at March 1, work be continued and all points not adjusted between their respective committees at that date be arbitrated. This proposition was voted down by unanimous vote. It is too late for a proposition of that kind on the points in question to receive support in any of our branches. On other sections the committees would have agreed, but on the wage and apprentice clauses the manufacturers' committee would refuse to act.

"The principal points our Quincy members contend for are fixed propositions elsewhere. They are not asking a higher wage rate than is paid in the lowest agreement outside of Quincy, or will be paid this spring, therefore, to arbitrate two or three points which have been mutually established from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in our trade, between employer and employee, reminds us of a Baltimore juror who on emerging from the court house after the jury had failed to agree—eleven to one—remarked they were eleven of the most stubborn-minded men he had ever met. Why should our Quincy employers want arbitration of questions which have been conceded by their competitors and other employers throughout the United States? Quincy members in unanimously rejecting the overture, did right.

"We are not against arbitration. Ninety per cent. of our agreements have arbitration clauses in them, but to arbitrate the eight-hour day, our minimum wage rate or the apprentice question in any locality, while 99 per cent. of other localities concede them, is out of place. Granite cutting of all kinds is to be more brisk this year than ever before. Quincy granite cutters can hold their own on any kind of work wherever they go. The only difference is that they are required to work harder in Quincy than elsewhere.

"They have the foreknowledge that go where they will the minimum rate they are standing for in Quincy or a few cents more per hour, will be readily paid them, so everything is in their favor. During the last fifteen years, owing to the stiff manner in which the average Quincy employer has dealt with his employees, trade has been diverted to other localities. The more liberal employers have gone where conditions were more congenial. During the time Milford (N. H.), Barre, Montpelier, and other New England branches have doubled their membership, Quincy branches show a reduction of several hundred journeymen.

"Should Quincy employers stay in the old Mugwumpish rut they have been in for nearly a quarter of a century, it will simply mean that trade will be further diverted to other directions and Quincy granite cutters will follow it and will be paid from one cent to five cents per hour more than the minimum rate for which they ask in Quincy.

"We trust the better judgment of Quincy employers will prevail, and therefore expect that by next issue of our Journal the secretaries of our branches in that city will be able to report that after a lee-chase of many years Quincy has again taken her proper place and can be quoted at par on the New England wage rate."

HOW'S THIS FOR BARRE?

A Union Paper Tells of Labor Conditions in This City.

Under the head "How Is This for Barre?" the Piano, Organ and Musical Instrument Workers' Official Journal prints the following:

"Barre, Vt., has the reputation of being the most thoroughly unionized city in New England. All the crafts are banded together in a combination that has accomplished wonders in the way of trade reforms.

"Rules have been framed, rates agreed upon and an inflexible card system put in operation—a system that compels the unwilling and luckless tenant to comply with such rules as the property owner lays down, or, failing in that, to remove from the district governed by the 'Barre Landlord's Union.'

"When a Barreite wishes to engage a tenement from a union landlord, he must present a clearance card from his previous landlord—a card that gives the bearer a rating figured out on the percentage plan. Prompt payment of rent, personal habits, number of children, care of previous tenement, and several other items are printed upon the face of the card. The rating is to be given by per-

3 Persons in every 1000 died last year in New York City of Pneumonia.

Every day a cough or deep-seated cold hangs on as a growing menace to life. At the first tickling in the throat, trustiness or small cough, the irritation should be checked with a reliable remedy.

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Do not wait for loss of voice, spitting of blood, pneumonia or consumption. The prescription that was for years ordered for well-to-do patients by one of the late leading physicians of Portland, Me., is carefully followed in the preparation of Roderic's Wild Cherry Cough Balsam.

There never was a cough remedy so rapid in relieving nor so certain in curing. 25c. Extra large bottles. Sold by all dealers in medicines.

GLEANINGS AND GOSSIP.

More than 25,000 Chinese have already been sent to the Rand mines in South America from China.

A man in Illinois was shot by his wife because he came from the lodge too late to suit her fancy.

The street railroads of San Francisco have issued an order that no more soiled clothes are to be carried on their cars. Who is to be the judge?

Things will begin to happen in the far East when the Japanese begin to feel those 30 car loads of oats that they have just bought in the middle West.

One of the Kansas sagas has just sprung the remark that a pretty girl who has been scratched by a cat can get more sympathy than a homely girl with a broken neck.

Germany seems to be afraid that J. P. Morgan is going to rob the old world of all its art treasures. The new world wishes that he would confine himself to the art treasures.

The prince of Wales owns an apple-green diamond which weighs over three carats. It is the only one of that size in the world and is said to be beautiful, but not especially valuable.

A London physician has testified that melancholia is often mistaken for laziness and that people who do not like to work are suffering from that disease. Better go and see a doctor at once.

R. Leadbetter, master of the Old Berkeley Hunt (West) of Haslemere Park, Bucks, Eng., is a successful breeder of lions. A lioness this week gave birth to three fine cubs, this being the fourth litter in the last five years.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador at Washington, continues to say that the Russians do not want peace at present. He is almost enough of a stand-patter to be given a job by the administration.

The army post at Omaha, Neb., is to be turned over to the signal corps and experiments will be carried on there with air ships, war balloons and other things that will deal with information in times of war.

A burglar recently broke into a house at Kansas City and stole a dress suit and a dress shirt. It has always been felt that the West was bound to get into society before long, but no one thought that Kansas City was in the dress suit class yet.

"You have scorned my suit, proud beauty," blazed the villain in the play; "but mark my words, I will yet bring you to the dust!" "Had you brought the 'dust' to me," replied the heroine coldly, "my answer might have been different."—Chicago Daily News.

THE SOCIALIST BOGY MAN.

President Tuttle of the Boston and Maine railroad goes far toward making his case ridiculous when he describes Mr. Roosevelt's rate-regulation policy as "communistic" or "socialistic."

American cities regulate the rates charged for street railway, gas, electric light and telephone service. Nobody calls this socialistic. On the contrary, it is the very antithesis of socialism, which would involve municipal ownership and operation of these utilities.

The states regulate and prescribe maximum rates. Some of the states have regulated freight tariffs and prescribed maximum rates. Nobody calls this socialistic.

How can a form of regulation which is not socialistic when applied by city and state governments be socialistic when applied by the federal government?—New York World.

Straightening Boston & Maine.

The Boston & Maine railroad will continue as soon as spring arrives an important improvement begun last year between Putney and East Putney, Vt. The road is to have a double track line between these two places, the ballasting and the laying of the rails for which will begin as soon as the frost is out of the ground. This is regarded as an important improvement, since bad curves in the road will be eliminated. An attempt will be made to get the work completed by the last of June, when the summer time-table goes into effect. Though the double track may not reduce the time of the trains, there will be undoubtedly a chance to make up time on this part of the road. The double track will be about three miles long.

Did you get up with a headache?

Bad taste in your mouth? Not much appetite for breakfast? Tongue coated? Then you have too much bile in your system. Wake up your liver and get rid of some of this bile. Ayer's Pills! Ayer's Pills! Sold for over sixty years.